



LOUDLY & CLEARLY VILLAGES VOTE

Great Confidence in the PUP

The People's United Party is moving forward with improving the lives of people all across Belize. Today people of rural Belize are handing to planBelize 2.0 a huge mandate and the PUP-Briceño administration is ready to take on the huge responsibility. Going into the General Elections, the Prime Minister went on record including during his victory address. The PUP does not take the people for granted. The PUP will remain accountable. The PUP will persistently listen to the people. This is the same message to the villages.

Going into Week Three of the Village Council elections TWO items are very obvious. One, the UDP and detractors and PUP-haters and cynics are ignoring the Villages. The UDP-disrespect since the Barrow days is still here. And secondly, the PUP is winning in rural Belize because of its people-centered policy which reaches to the villages of our nation.

Entering the Sunday June 8 elections another 13 villages have the PUP winning in uncontested fashion. Without a glimmer of gloating, the PUP takes these wins as a report card to improve on.

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Two Week Totals	PUP	Indep	UDP
TOTAL SEATS	467 WON	32	40
VILLAGES	67 WON	5	5
PERCENT	86.64	5.94	7.42

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A Success Story

Belize City
Gets a Transit
Upgrade

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Congratulations Class of 2025!

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VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS CUMULATIVE for WEEKS 1 & 2 May 25 & June 1			
DISTRICT	PUP	UDP	INDEPENDENT
COROZAL	10	4	0
ORANGE WALK	6	0	0
BELIZE	9	0	2
CAYO	10	1	0
STANN CREEK	20	0	3
TOLEDO	12	0	0
TOTAL NUMBER OF COUNCILS WON	67	5	5
TOTAL NUMBER OF CANDIDATES WON	467	40	32
PERCENTAGE OF SEATS WON	86.64%	7.42%	5.94%

When villages are united they are more productive. The villages can rally behind a leader and be efficient with their resources and the PUP government will be alongside.

The PUP is not perfect and there is constant strife to becoming better servants of the people. Today the obstacle is the Union leaders that somehow, someway have found it necessary to just spitefully ignore a salary raise offer of more than they asked for. The government has already said that it will work on budgeting the millions this raise would cost. Most likely clear minds will prevail in the end. Everyone needs a stable country—Government and people—as we move forward with our lives.

The Village council uncontested slates and election wins mean the villages are united. These victories mean that they have high confidence in the PUP government. PlanBelize 2.0 health care, education, jobs, land, housing is reaching deeper than just the towns and cities. There is definitely MORE that can be done in villages and planBelize 2.0 address their streets, passing highways, job availability and more.

The village council results continue to show that the UDP is non-existent around the country. The independent groups are the virtual opponents of the ex-masse party UDP. The PUP is focussed on listening to the winner to see how the government can help each village that have varied concerns.

For context: Village Council 2025 is the 8th major election cycle the UDP is losing along with the UDP slanted media. Failed in 2018 Municipals, 2019 VCs, 2020 General, 2021 Municipals, 2022

VCs, 2024 Municipals, and the 2025 General Elections all failures for the UDP and their UDP media. The responsibility laden on the PUP is colossal. The people know the PUP is on the right track and needs to keep there for the foreseeable future.

In the end, the people of Belize call the shots, they have the power, and the planBelize government of Belize merely executes. The Plan-Belize Government of Belize listens expediently to 400 thousand people before it makes decisions. There is no other way to govern in a Belizean democracy that has a magnificent future. Every day, more people win and in a variety of ways.

It is the villages turn to voice their needs. Let's listen.

STRUCTURED STOPS, SMARTER SERVICE BELIZE CITY eRIDE ROUTE 01 GETS A TRANSIT UPGRADE

From concept to reality the eMobility Pilot Project continues to evolve and the eBuses and the eTaxis have become a regular feature on the streets of the 'Old Capital'. Mayor Bernard Wagner and the Belize City Council have been at the forefront of the vision of transforming the city into a Smart City. A vision that is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals: the reduction of Belize's carbon footprint, promoting energy efficiency and, protecting the environment for future generations.

With the introduction of eBuses and eTaxis, the city's transit system is fast evolving into a modern, efficient, and commuter-friendly mode of the public transportation system. Today, the BCC has completed the installation of new designated Bus Stops along Belize City eRide Route 01. Previously, the buses were stopping haphazardly at multiple informal locations. This resulted in traffic slowdowns and unpredictable routes frustrating some of the commuters.

According to the Transit Coordinator, the introduction of the structured

"Stronger Together, Rising Forever" Unveiling of the 2025 National Celebrations Theme



Belize City, June 4, 2025 — September may still be months away, but national pride is already taking center stage. Today, the National Celebrations Commission officially revealed the theme for Belize's 44th Independence Anniversary during a spirited unveiling at the Belize House of Culture. The selected theme, **"Stronger Together, Rising Forever,"** carries a message of unity, resilience, and hope — one that reflects both the country's challenges and triumphs.

In an unprecedented twist, two individuals have been declared co-winners of this year's theme competition: David Peña of San Andres, Corozal, and Holly Vasquez of San Ignacio, Cayo. Though they submitted their entries independently, both men proposed nearly the same phrase, which judges felt captured the spirit of the nation.

David Peña, a student, shared that his inspiration came from both national experience and personal encouragement. "I was seeing how together as Belizeans, we can be stronger — as the theme says, stronger together — and we can rise together as Belize," he explained. Peña, who had entered the competition previously, added, "This year, I was inspired by my parents. When they told me I had won, I could not believe it. I actually cried when I found out."

Holly Vasquez, a first timer, said his submission was deeply influenced by the challenges Belize has faced and overcome. "Belize has been through a lot — economic hardship, the pandemic — and we managed to rise above it," Vasquez reflected. "So, it was just fitting that I put that theme together. When I heard I had won, it was a total shock, but I am grateful. It is a theme that reflects pride in how far we have come and where we are going."



Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Culture and Immigration, Hon. Francis Fonseca, praised both winners and the hundreds of Belizeans who submitted entries from every corner of the country. *"That's a beautiful thing — to see our people so engaged with the celebration, with the spirit of the celebration,"* he said. *"This is a timely and relevant theme. It speaks to unity and how we can work together, through our collective action and efforts, to make Belize a stronger, better country for all our people."*

The theme resonates with a call for continued collaboration and progress, and it is especially poignant as Belize approaches nearly half a century of independence. Both co-winners will be recognized as part of the official September Celebrations, and their theme will guide the messaging and spirit of events nationwide.

With the theme now officially launched, Belizeans can look forward to a season of national celebration, reflection, and unity — **Stronger together, Rising forever.**



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- * Reduce energy and fuel costs by minimizing unnecessary idling, braking and acceleration.

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EDITORIAL

SERVE THE PEOPLE

Not so long ago, in this country we all love, blocking the roads in peaceful protest would have resulted in those peaceful protesters being forcefully and mercilessly dispersed. There's nothing like pepper spray in the face to get a crowd moving right along. And if that doesn't work, a baton across the back will do the trick. Belizeans know this is so because we have seen it happen. A few years back, stevedores and union members were 'sitting out' at the Port when they came under vicious attack from the Police, acting on the orders of the political leaders of the day.

The media should remember all too well. In 2017, Krem journalist Marisol Amaya was attacked by Police wielding batons, and dragged off the road, all for just covering a story and doing her job. For blocking the road on that day in 2017, peacefully, protesters and the media were run off by Police firing pepper spray canisters indiscriminately, and swinging batons joyfully, again at the command of their political leaders.

When teachers blocked roads on Wednesday, June 4th, they were the only aggressors. They, the teachers, fuelled by the cameras and carried away by the heat of the moment, assaulted Police Officers who were only doing their jobs. At every road and street blockage on that day, the Police were measured and calm. There were no batons, and no pepper spray. Just Police Officers maintaining the peace, acting on the orders sent down from the leadership of the day – no violence, no aggression.

Union leaders, carried away by emotion and acting on agenda, can say what they will about the Hon. John Briceño. The attacks have been petty, personal and constant. The Prime Minister and his government, including the high-level team appointed to meet with the unions, have been respectful at all times, and have maintained that the resolution to any issue can be found at the negotiation table. The Prime Minister has maintained that respectful discourse is the answer.

There was no real reason for teachers to block major roads and critical junctions in Belize City. That is just noise in the market. There is no reason for threats to government, saying this is only the beginning. This has never been a situation of Government vs. Teachers, a narrative loved by union leaders because it makes them feel powerful. And some union leaders live for attention, because it brings them out of obscurity, at least for a moment.

This government, led by John Briceño, has done more for teachers and public officers than any government of Belize. Bolstered by an economy that has rebounded, the PUP government has been able to restore wages and unfreeze increments long before anticipated. The government has been able to assume full responsibility for salaries, pensions and benefits for teachers and staff of grant-aided schools, and cleared up a years-long backlog in the payment of salaries and allowances. Public officers and teachers have gotten unprecedented access to land and housing.

The economy is where it is because of a strategic plan. That plan has brought the nation out of Covid, has made us able to recover from a hurricane and disastrous weather events, has seen the implementation of free education in 23 secondary schools, the rollout of National Health Insurance countrywide, the construction of over 1000 houses for deserving Belizeans, the writeoff of \$54M in debt from the KMHM and the removal of ALL fees from public hospitals and clinics countrywide.

That strategic plan has seen the massive expansion of energy projects and water systems in rural communities, benefitting thousands of Belizeans. That plan has created thousands of new jobs and revitalized the tourism industry. That plan has resulted in programs which provide grants and training to entrepreneurs and MSMEs on an unprecedented scale. That plan has resulted in massive and meaningful infrastructural development and maintenance, and progress in every sector in the country.

The Government of Belize has a mandate to serve ALL people. That has to be the bottom line. This cannot be just about teachers and public officers. Yes, they made sacrifices during COVID. Everybody in this country had to. Many thousands of Belizeans lost their means of livelihood, and thousands more were forced to take massive pay cuts just to keep some money coming in. NOBODY in the private sector has been able to go to their employers and demand back lost salaries. That's not how it works. NOBODY who lost their jobs completely during COVID has demanded compensation for the months they struggled.

This is not a fight between Government and the teachers/public officers. This is Government doing what it has to do to serve the people and the nation, without fear or favour.

en Español

SERVIR AL PUEBLO

No hace mucho tiempo, en este país que todos amamos, bloquear las carreteras en protesta pacífica habría dado lugar a que esos manifestantes pacíficos fueran dispersados por la fuerza y sin piedad. No hay nada como rociar pimienta en la cara para que una multitud se ponga en marcha. Y si eso no funciona, un golpe con la porra en la espalda hará el truco. Los beliceños sabemos que esto es así porque lo hemos visto suceder. Hace unos años, los estibadores y los miembros del sindicato estaban «sentados» en el puerto cuando sufrieron un brutal ataque de la policía que actuaba bajo las órdenes de los líderes políticos de entonces.

Los medios de comunicación lo recuerdan muy bien. En 2017, la periodista de Krem Marisol Amaya fue atacada por la policía con porras y arrastrada fuera de la carretera, solo por cubrir una noticia y hacer su trabajo. Por bloquear la carretera ese día de 2017, de forma pacífica, los manifestantes y los medios de comunicación fueron dispersados por la policía que disparó indiscriminadamente botes de gas pimienta y blandió alegremente sus porras, de nuevo siguiendo las órdenes de sus líderes políticos.

Cuando los profesores bloquearon las carreteras el miércoles 4 de junio, ellos fueron los únicos agresores. Ellos, los profesores, animados por las cámaras y llevados por el calor del momento, agredieron a los agentes de policía que solo estaban haciendo su trabajo. En todos los bloqueos de carreteras y calles de ese día, la policía se mostró mesurada y tranquila. No hubo porras ni gas pimienta. Solo agentes de policía manteniendo la paz, actuando bajo las órdenes de los líderes del momento: sin violencia, sin agresividad.

Los líderes sindicales, llevados por la emoción y actuando según su agenda, pueden decir lo que quieran sobre el honorable John Briceño. Los ataques han sido mezquinos, personales y constantes. El primer ministro y su Gobierno, incluido el equipo de alto nivel designado para reunirse con los sindicatos, han sido respetuosos en todo momento y han mantenido que la resolución de cualquier problema se puede encontrar en la mesa de negociaciones. El primer ministro ha mantenido que el diálogo respetuoso es la respuesta.

No había ninguna razón verdadera para que los profesores bloquearan las principales carreteras y cruces críticos de la ciudad de Belice. Eso es solo ruido en el mercado. No hay razón para amenazar al Gobierno diciendo que esto es solo el principio. Esta nunca ha sido una situación de Gobierno contra profesores, una narrativa que encanta a los líderes sindicales porque les hace sentir poderosos. Y algunos líderes sindicales viven para llamar la atención, porque les saca del anonimato, al menos por un momento.

Este Gobierno, liderado por John Briceño, ha hecho más por los profesores y los funcionarios públicos que cualquier otro Gobierno de Belice. Respaldado por una economía que se ha recuperado, el Gobierno del PUP ha podido restablecer los salarios y descongelar los incrementos mucho antes de lo previsto. El Gobierno ha podido asumir toda la responsabilidad de los salarios, las pensiones y las prestaciones de los profesores y el personal de las escuelas subvencionadas, y ha liquidado el retraso de años en el pago de salarios y subsidios. Los funcionarios públicos y los docentes han obtenido un acceso sin precedentes a la tierra y la vivienda.

La economía se encuentra donde está gracias a un plan estratégico. Ese plan ha sacado al país de la COVID, nos ha permitido recuperarnos de un huracán y de desastrosos fenómenos meteorológicos, ha supuesto la implantación de la educación gratuita en 23 escuelas secundarias, la puesta en marcha del Seguro Nacional de Salud en todo el país, la construcción de más de 1000 viviendas para beliceños que lo merecen, la condonación de 54 millones de dólares de deuda del KMHM y la eliminación de TODAS las tasas de los hospitales y clínicas públicas de todo el país.

Ese plan estratégico ha supuesto la expansión masiva de proyectos energéticos y sistemas de abastecimiento de agua en comunidades rurales, lo que ha beneficiado a miles de beliceños. Ese plan ha creado miles de nuevos puestos de trabajo y ha revitalizado la industria turística. Ese plan ha dado lugar a programas que proporcionan subvenciones y formación a emprendedores y micro, pequeñas y medianas empresas a una escala sin precedentes. Ese plan ha dado lugar a un desarrollo y mantenimiento masivo y significativo de las infraestructuras, así como a avances en todos los sectores del país.

El Gobierno de Belice tiene el mandato de servir a TODA la población. Esa debe ser la base. No puede tratarse solo de los profesores y los funcionarios públicos. Sí, ellos hicieron sacrificios durante la COVID. Todos en este país tuvieron que hacerlo. Muchos miles de beliceños perdieron sus medios de subsistencia y otros miles se vieron obligados a aceptar recortes salariales masivos solo para seguir recibiendo algo de dinero. NADIE en el sector privado ha podido acudir a sus empleadores y exigirles que les devuelvan los salarios perdidos. No es así como funciona. NADIE que haya perdido su trabajo por completo durante la COVID ha exigido una compensación por los meses que ha pasado pasando apuros.

No se trata de una lucha entre el Gobierno y los profesores/funcionarios públicos. Se trata de que el Gobierno haga lo que tiene que hacer para servir al pueblo y a la nación, sin miedo ni favoritismos.



Teachers Credit Union Fraud A Wake-Up Call for All

Dear Editor,
The shocking revelations from the Toledo Teachers Credit Union, particularly the Bella Vista branch, are deeply troubling even for me

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE AND TRADE SHOW 2025 May 30 to June 1

“Integrating Sustainable Food Systems: Mitigating Climate Change, Strengthening Agricultural Resilience”

The National Agriculture and Trade Show (NATS) 2025 officially opened with a vibrant ceremony that highlighted Belize’s commitment to agricultural excellence, youth engagement, and cooperative development. The event, held at the NATS Showgrounds in Belmopan, brought together farmers, stakeholders, students, and government officials in a celebration of national achievements in the agriculture sector.

The ceremony commenced with a welcome address by His Worship Mr. Pablo Cawich, Mayor of Belmopan, who underscored the significance of agriculture to national development and praised the hardworking men and women who feed the nation.

A special guest address was delivered by Ing. Raúl Antonio Rodas Suazo, Executive Director of the Organismo Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria (OIRSA), who emphasized the importance of regional collaboration in ensuring food safety, plant and animal health, and sustainable agricultural practices across borders.

One of the highlights of the event was the official slashing of the 2025 Farmer of the Year Award recipients, in addition, winners of the National School Garden Competition were presented with awards for their innovative and sustainable school garden projects. These young agriculturists were applauded for their creativity and dedication to environmental stewardship and food production.

Recognition was also given to agricultural cooperatives through the Cooperative of the Year Awards. The Sayab Farmers Cooperative of San Antonio, Cayo, earned First Place for their excellence in cooperative management and production. Second Place was awarded to the Concepción Vegetable Farmers Cooperative of Corozal, who were praised for their dedication and community impact.

The event culminated with a keynote address by the Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai, Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise, who commended the awardees and reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to advancing the agriculture sector. Minister Mai noted that this year’s show theme underscores the role of innovation, resilience, and partnerships in building a sustainable food system for Belize.

The National Agriculture and Trade Show 2025 continued throughout the weekend with exhibitions, live demonstrations, entertainment, and opportunities for farmers, agro-processors, and entrepreneurs to showcase their products and services. The events highlighted Belize’s ongoing commitment to building a more sustainable future and success in planBelize’s Farm to Table promise of Food Security. Throughout the weekend, visitors got to explore a variety of booths showcasing locally grown products and goods from Belizean farmers and businesses.

a coming from a village in Coro. With \$26 million in assets and over 7,000 members, this institution has long stood as a pillar of financial trust in the south. Yet, behind that reputation, half a million dollars reportedly vanished due to fraud, implicating employees from the top down.

Most disturbing is the apparent scale and brazenness of the misconduct—an entire branch staff dismissed due to corruption. This was not a case of a lone bad apple; it was systemic rot.

Let this be a clear reminder: corruption does not only live in the public sector. While poli-

ticians often take the heat for mismanagement and shady dealings, private sector institutions—especially those entrusted with people’s savings—must also be held accountable. The very foundation of financial cooperatives is trust, and when that is broken, the fallout is not just financial—it is personal for every member.

We must demand transparency, stricter oversight, and stronger internal controls across all sectors. Whether it is a government office or a village credit union, accountability must be the rule—not the exception.

Sincerely,
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The College proudly marked a historic milestone with the graduation of its first-ever University class. In a celebration that spanned generations and divisions, 596 students graduated from across the institution: 423 Junior College Graduates, 36 University Graduates, and 137 High School Graduates.

Five Junior College graduates were awarded prestigious Jesuit Scholarships, enabling them to pursue baccalaureate degrees at top Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States. These scholarships are part of the Jesuit and University Scholarship Program, which aims to expand global academic opportunities for SJC students.



- Khaisje Brannon – Psychology, John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio
- Isabel Cocom – Graphic Design, Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama
- Khloe Jones – Marketing, Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore
- Jaizza Moguel – Political Science, John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio
- Davina Sosa – Aerospace & Mechanical Engineering, Saint Louis University, Missouri



Five outstanding Junior College graduates were awarded scholarships to continue their studies at SJC's University division.

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Zairah Arthurs of the Junior College & Arling Enarmorado of the High School received the Pedro Miguel Espat Award for Entrepreneurial Excellence, sponsored by the Espat Family. Enamorado also placed as the Valedictorian for the High School and received a \$4,000 scholarship to attend SJCJC.

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~Dr. Mirtha A. Peralta, President

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WHERE IS THE LOO



PM Briceño in Honduras Attended the 65th Ordinary Meeting of the CABEI Board of Governors

Last week May 29 Prime Minister John Briceño arrived at neighbouring city Tegucigalpa, Honduras to attend the 65th Ordinary Meeting of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration's Board of Governors. Prime Minister Briceño officially thanked Dr. Renato Florentino Pineda, Vice President of the Government of Honduras for welcoming him to his country. The Prime Minister further reaffirmed Belize's commitment to regional integration and development, while focusing on securing support for B2 Projects - a portfolio of infrastructure and climate-resilient initiatives for inclusive growth and to build long-term economic resilience.

Just before the official ceremony of the 65th Ordinary Meeting of the CABEI Board of Governors, the Prime Minister met with President Gisela Sánchez, Executive President of CABIE. The PM highlighted Belize's financial strength and responsible economic stewardship. President Sanchez congratulated him on the re-election, our economic growth and, further, thanked Belize for commitment to the bank.

On May 30th, during the official opening and meeting of the 65th Ordinary Meeting of the CABEI Board of Governors, Prime Minister Briceño joined H.E. Xiomara Castro, President Honduras for the event. Regional leaders and finance ministers assessed development priorities and sought to strengthen multilateral partnerships and regional integration.

The Banco Centroamericano de Integración Económica, BCIE (Spanish version of CABEI), is a multilateral development bank focused on promoting economic and social development in Central America. It provides financing and technical assistance to both public and private sectors in Central America to support sustainable development, infrastructure projects, and regional integration. In addition to the founding members, the CABEI includes regional non-founding members (like Belize and Panama) and extra-regional members (like Mexico, Colombia, and Korea). CABEI is the financial arm of the SICA, meaning it provides funding and financial support to various regional initiatives and projects within the SICA region. CABEI's mission is to support the economic and social development of the SICA member states, aligning its actions with the SICA's regional agenda. (various sources)



Meeting with President Gisela Sánchez,
Executive President of CABIE



Opening Ceremony Launch of Collaborative Baking and Entrepreneurship Training

On May 29th, 2025, the Office of the Special Envoy for the Development of Families and Children, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan), the Taiwan ICDF, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Culture, and Immigration, officially launched the Unlock Your Baking Potential training program.

This six-week initiative, facilitated by Mrs. Ila Reid of Ila's Pastry House, will provide 20 women and men from Belize City with hands-on training in traditional Belizean pastry-making and essential en-

velopment. We look forward to the successful completion of this impactful program and are excited to see the creativity, skills, and culinary excellence that the participants will bring to life. (Office of the Special Envoy release)



trepreneurship skills.

The Office of the Special Envoy for the Development of Families and Children expresses sincere gratitude to the Government and People of the Republic of China (Taiwan) for generously funding this important initiative.

The opening ceremony marked the beginning of a transformative journey toward economic empowerment, cultural preservation, and community de-

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along the eRide Route 01 are mapped and live-tracked on the 501 Transit App. Which can be downloaded on both Android and IOS devices. Consequently, both the residents and visitors can utilize the App to track the location of eRide buses in real-time, making it easier for customers to plan their commute with confidence.

After the launch of the Belize City eRide buses, Belizeans have steadily become acclimated to the era of more modern transportation initiatives. Since April 2025, the BCC has recorded over 145,627 riders who have hopped on this new thing called the eRide transport. By April, 11,600 female passengers and 4,600 male passengers have boarded the eBuses. Indicative of its growing role as a safe, reliable, and inclusive transport option for Belize City. With the availability of WiFi, USB Charging, Wheel-chair access, AC and a comfortable ride, students have opted for the eBuses instead of the dilapidated city buses.

Incidentally, the Bus Stop installation is just another phase in the BCC's broader plan to upgrade the public transit infrastructure. Future bus stop enhancements will set the stage for a fully smart and sustainable urban transport network. In the pipeline are eRidership Cards for frequent riders.

The Belize City Council remains committed to innovation, accessibility, and sustainability; this first wave of structured stops is only the beginning. 'Always 'bout the people'.

By Hilly Bennett

LETTER TO THE Editor



Hold Firm, Prime Minister – We Trust You

Dear Editor,

As a parent and a proud Belizean—not red or blue—I feel compelled to commend the Briceño Administration for the steady and people-centered leadership it continues to show. In a time when critics are loud and distractions are many, I urge the Prime Minister to hold firm. Do not be swayed by noise or political games. We see the work, and we appreciate it.

I am especially excited about the planned expansion of the National Health Insurance (NHI) program to Georgeville in September. That is real progress. That is what governance should look like—meeting people where they are, in their communities, with real services that improve lives.

This government was elected to serve the people, and despite the challenges, it is doing just that. From economic recovery, infrastructure upgrades, education reform, to improved healthcare access, the results speak for themselves.

Let us not be held hostage by the past or by those who thrive on division. Stay resolute, Prime Minister. We, the people, are watching—not through political lenses, but through the reality of what is being delivered to our homes, our families, and our future.

We trust you. Keep going.

Sincerely,

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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES:

Notice is hereby given that **Karla F. Jax Tum** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Tikal Shop"** located at # 4 Vernon Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Md Layas Ahmed/Jahed Ahmed Jony** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Ahmed's Midtown Grocery Shop"** located at # 61 Albert Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Keily N. Castellanos** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Only Fans Sports Bar"** located on Kennedy Street, Benque Viejo Del Carmen, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Minister Thea Garcia-Ramirez in Mexico City
Representing Belize at High-Level IDB
Regional Dialogue
Addressing Violence Against
Women Internationally
“Challenges in Addressing Violence Against
Women in Latin America and the Caribbean”



Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez, Minister of Human Development, Families and Gender Affairs, represented Belize on the international stage during a high-level panel hosted by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) on June 3, 2025, in Mexico City. The virtual dialogue, titled “Challenges in Addressing Violence Against Women in Latin America and the Caribbean,” brought together regional leaders to address the persistent and growing crisis of gender-based violence.

Minister Garcia-Ramirez joined a distinguished panel of female

leaders, including First Lady Ann-Marie Davis of the Bahamas; Márcia Lopes, Minister of State for Women, Brazil; Pedrica Saint-Jean, Minister for the Status of Women and Women’s Rights, Haiti; Cynthia Figueredo, Minister of Women, Paraguay; and Olivia Grange, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, Jamaica. The panel was moderated by Diana Rodríguez Franco, Special Advisor on Gender and Diversity in the Office of the IDB President.

During the discussion, Minister Garcia-Ramirez highlighted the urgent need to address the intersection of domestic violence and organized crime in Belize. She noted that violence against women is no longer confined to the private sphere and has become entangled with broader issues of security and development. “When setting priorities, we focus on data-driven interventions, multisectoral partnerships, and community-led prevention strategies,” said the Minister. “Tackling this crisis requires a



whole-of-society response that centers the needs and voices of women and girls.”

The panel explored shared regional challenges, including underreporting of violence, insufficient protective services, and limited access to justice. Participants exchanged experiences and identified opportunities for collaboration in strengthening legal frameworks, investing in prevention, and building regional solidarity.

The participation of Minister Garcia-Ramirez reaffirmed Belize’s commitment to advancing gender equality and safeguarding the rights and dignity of women and girls.

The Ministry of Human Development, Families, and Gender Affairs remains dedicated to accelerating action and promoting safe, inclusive communities for all. (release)



INVITATION TO BID

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Tender: THE SUPPLY OF TWO (2) WATER QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Department of the Environment (DOE) within the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management, invites suitable companies to submit quotations for the **supply of two (2) water quality monitoring stations** equipped with various sensors that will measure key water quality parameters. These stations must provide real-time data from remote locations, ensuring continuous and accurate monitoring of water bodies. These stations must meet the specified technical requirements listed in the bidding document provided upon request.

The supplier shall provide and commission the following:

- I. Supply two (2) complete water quality monitoring stations.
- II. Each station must meet the specifications outlined in the RFQ, including all required sensors and associated equipment.
- III. Provide repair services during the warranty period, as specified.

For full bidding document which lists the required technical specification of each water quality monitoring station, its required features, company requirements for eligibility and Submission Procedures, kindly request via email at procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz with CC to procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz

Deadline for submission: June 12th, 2025, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time.

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Belmopan City Council - Continues Life and Health Insurance Coverage Initiative

As part of its ongoing commitment to enhancing employee financial security and well-being, the Belmopan City Council continued its life and health insurance coverage presentations, this time engaging another portion of Council staff. Led by Mayor Pablo Cawich and supported by the Human Resources Department, the session featured a representative from a local insurance provider who explained the benefits of the proposed insurance plan.

Speaking to the employees gathered at the Council compound, Mayor Cawich highlighted the importance of easing the mental and financial burdens that can arise during medical emergencies. Echoing the Mayor's message, City Administrator Mario Cruz, J.P., encouraged staff to enroll in the plan, emphasizing that the employee contribution is minimal compared to the valuable benefits it provides. This

continuation of the initiative reflects the Council's dedication to ensuring all employees are informed and supported through this important program. (post)

Just as the in rest of the PUP municipalities, their Town Councils have a penchant to be innovative and people-centered. This centrality includes their very staff as one will observe staff appreciation in various ways. A happy staff will lead to the township being taken care of with greater efficiency. Kudos to Mayor Cawich for this push to secure his staff's future.



Fyffes-MoEST Brand-new School Kitchen for Feeding Program San Isidro Government School, Toledo



May 14, 2024 - Hon. Oscar Requena, Minister of Education, Science and Technology, attended the inauguration of a brand-new school kitchen at San Isidro Government School in the Toledo District. This initiative was made possible through a generous donation by Fyffes, under the Memorandum of Understanding signed with the Ministry in 2022 to support school infrastructure and student nutrition.

San Isidro Government School is part of the National Healthy Start School Feeding Programme and the new kitchen will play a vital role in ensuring that students have access to nutritious meals that support their learning and overall well-being. Minister Requena was joined by Dr. Hon. Osmond Martinez, Area Representative and Minister of State for Economic Transformation, and Chief Education Officer Ms. Yolanda Gongora, who all reiterated their commitment to improving education outcomes in rural communities.

The Ministry extends heartfelt thanks to Fyffes for their continued partnership and investment in the future of Belize's children.

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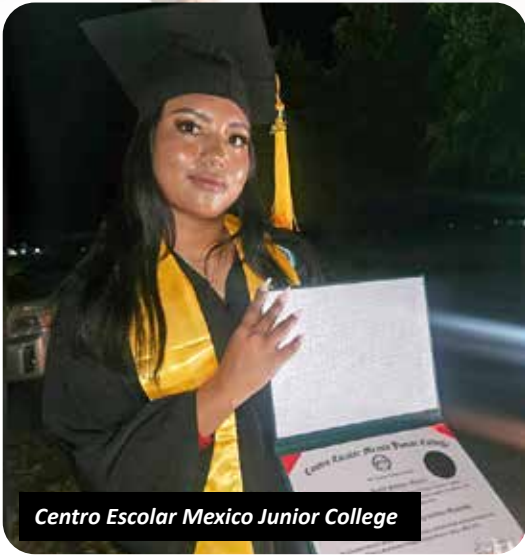


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Restore Belize Grads: Congratulations!

May 26 - RESTORE Belize hosted a farewell ceremony for the graduates in honour of the fifteen I AM Belize Scholarship Scholars who have completed four years of high school.

Attendees included Mrs Narda Garcia, Chief Executive Officer of the Office of the Prime Minister, Investment and Civil Aviation, as well as representatives from donor organizations, such as Atlantic Bank Limited, Atlantic Insurance Company Limited, Belize Water Services Limited (who donated \$4,000 to the I AM Belize Scholarship program for the school year August 2025 - June 2026), Belize Electricity Limited, BNE Charitable Trust, Development Finance Corporation, United Nations Development Programme - UNDP, UNICEF Belize, as well as the parents and beneficiaries of the I AM Belize Scholarship Class of 2025.



VOICE OF THE COMMON MAN
UNDERMINING A PROGRESSIVE PUP
GOVERNMENT: UDP FALSITIES,
UNIONISM FAKERY AT WORK

By Hilly Bennett

"As our body is concealed by the clothes we wear, so our mind is veiled in lies. The veil is always there, and it is only through it that we can sometimes guess at what a man really thinks: just as from his clothes we arrive at the general shape of his body."- Arthur Schopenhauer.

Understanding Schopenhauer's philosophical thought, this writer reflects on the fable, 'The Emperor's New Clothes', in that it is of utmost importance to speak the truth even when it's uncomfortable or unpopular. The story brings a stark emphasis on the courage to stand up for the truth. The young boy is the only individual who spoke the truth that the emperor wore no clothes. The fable also portrays how people will conform to the opinions of others even though they know the truth, to avoid being looked upon as foolish and out of place. In the past government, the former leader of the nation, Dean Oliver Barrow often paraded his mistruths, deceptive norms and lies, cloaked in the sophistry of Latin maxims and superfluous invocation. He was applauded by many who had no inkling about what was said.

At her rising, leading-off the budget debate 2025-2026, the Leader of the Opposition, Tracy Panton leaned on the usual UDP political rhetoric, disinformation, de-cits and outright lies, mimicking Massa Dean. The rebuttal by the parliamentarians on the government side surgically, in granular detail, defrocked the Empress of the United Democratic Party and the nonsense spewed. "Numbers don't lie" and "Facts matter" are pertinent to the existential circumstances met by the People's United Party (PUP) and the John Briceño administration when it took over the reins of government from the red regime.

Dean Barrow and his United Democratic Party (UDP) minions had pushed the country's economy over the financial cliff. As a result of their insatiable borrowing and reckless spending transcending the lingering words of King Dean "Governments borrow all the time" and "I will borrow and borrow until I can borrow no more." These words have become the haunts of that UDP government. Massa Dean became chief employer and bloated the wage bill boasting that he grew the wage bill by 35 million dollars yearly for ten years. Notwithstanding, the International Monetary Fund Article IV advised that it was unsustainable.

The former leader of the nation's disgraceful act of cowardice emanated from his Latin phrase "Après moi le deluge" attributed to Louis XV of France which translates to English "After I'm gone, let there be a flood; I don't care what happens after me." Considering the "Poison chalice" of Shakespearean proportions dealt to John Briceño in November 2020, it is amazing, almost miraculous, the quick recovery of the country in dire straits, which included the restoration of the healthcare system, the social investments that were geared towards improving the lives of the impoverished and marginalized sectors of society, the reduction of debt-to-GDP, the decrease in poverty and the increase in employment opportunities and steady economic growth.

Considerably, the COVID-19 pandemic became the litmus test for the PUP's leadership. As Chairman of the PUP, Henry Charles Usher often alludes, "We didn't grieve for Belize (Barrow's lamentation), we rolled up our sleeves and got to work." But to talk about the varying injustices inflicted by the UDP would not suffice. The John Briceño government and the cadre of experts had a clear positive vision for Belize embedded in PlanBelize 1.0, and the mandated promises became quickly a reality in Belizean society. The reality lived by the masses has given Prime Minister, John Briceño and the PUP on the March 12th General Elections 2025 another five-year mandate, and have spun the LOO, the media cohorts and the UDP hanger-on, into complete denial.

The super majority mandate given in the General Elections 2025 is a stamp of approval that the confidence in the government has been restored from the devilish 13 years of the UDP political virus. However, the LOO, the politically connected media mouthpiece, and certain Union members disguised in sheep's clothing, incessantly attempt to undermine the historic, unprecedented accomplishments of the PUP, with the fueling of deceit and falsities.

Today, society is also witnessing the unconscionable act by the BNTU and some of its members in holding the students and by extension the country hostage to their unrealistic demands. The Public Service Union (PSU) President, Dean Flowers has issued a threat to the Government of Belize saying "Please do not let this matter escalate further, because this will not be a repeat of 2021, it might very well be a repeat of what they experienced under the Musa administration in 2005 and 2007." Flowers continued his ultimatum "It could be very nasty and I am warning him, don't let us get there." A threat that incites civil disobedience. After the meeting with the Joint Unions Negotiating Team (JUNT), Cabinet has proffered a 7-point agreement to avoid any disruption regarding strike action. However, the unions have rejected the government's proposal. This is not about an increase in salaries, obviously, the situation is veiled by a political motive and a lot of the members are being played. As Gaston Brown, the Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda stated in a similar situation "If we are going to call a 'spade a spade', we have a lot of teachers who are into politics; this is a political response, this has nothing to do with the payment of allowances. It doesn't even have to do with salaries and wages." Dean Flowers is a politically exposed person (PEP) affiliated with the UDP and his rant has always been politically motivated in the reviving of the dying Red Party. It is not about the membership. It is not about the country and the people. It is about Dean Flowers's political self-interest.

The Government has left the door open for dialogue in reaching an amicable solution regarding the union matters. However, the administration will make a pragmatic and prudent decision in the interest of the country and its citizens and will not allow the political weasels to undermine and compromise that interest. It took the PUP Government less than five years to turn the corner on the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the 13 years of UDP incompetence, utter neglect and wanton corruption. The PUP Government will surely not allow the UDP manipulation of the truth and the fakery of unionism to destroy the unprecedented and historic achievements to restore the country and its people to good stead.

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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS



(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Assistant Project Manager

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize
Process ID: BL-L1039 – P00038
Duration: Two (2) years
Duty Station: Central Executing Unit, Ministry of Finance, Belmopan
Deadline: June 23, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize (GOB), with support from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), has established a Central Executing Unit (CEU) within the Ministry of Finance as a structure to contribute to the effective delivery of the development goals outlined in Belize's Medium-Term Development Strategy, 2022-2026 (MTDS). The CEU is responsible for the coordination and implementation of various loan and grant projects and serves as the primary point of contact for all stakeholders involved in each project assigned to the CEU. This centralized unit provides an efficient and effective way to facilitate the management of the projects, ensuring that all phases are completed on time and on budget.

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply for the contractual position of "Assistant Project Manager", under the CEU. Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained online at <https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/> or by scanning the QR Code below. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the services.

Application packages should be submitted in English, before or on **June 23, 2025, by 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time). Late submissions will not be accepted.**

Submissions should be made using the required template, via email (in PDF format) or two (2) hardcopies delivered to the following address clearly indicating "Assistant Project Manager (BL-L1039)" - name of consultant:

ATTN: Procurement Specialist
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
Sir Edney Cain Building, 2nd Floor,
Belmopan City, Belize, Central America
Email: procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz



Ref: Individual Consultancy - Assistant Project Manager (BL-L1039) - Your name

BDF News

Successful Disaster Preparedness Exercise 2025

Additionally, The Belize Defence Force has successfully concluded the Disaster Preparedness Exercise 2025, reinforcing our commitment to national security and emergency readiness. This year’s exercise marked a historic milestone as, for the first time, key stakeholders from across Belize joined forces to enhance coordination and resilience in disaster response efforts.

Participants included representatives from the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO), Galen University, Fortis, UNICEF, the Belize Police Department, Coast Guard, Belize Tourism Board, and the British Army Training Support Unit Belize (BATSUB). Their involvement underscores the growing recognition that disaster preparedness is not solely a military responsibility—it is a collective national effort requiring seamless collaboration among government agencies, private institutions, and civil society.

Throughout the exercise, personnel engaged in simulated disaster scenarios, testing response protocols, logistical efficiency, and inter-agency communication strategies. These drills highlighted the critical need for unified action when facing threats such as hurricanes, flooding, and other environmental hazards.

More than just a training opportunity, this exercise emphasized the importance of community preparedness and risk management. Effective disaster response begins before a crisis unfolds—it is built on education, proactive planning, and coordination at every level. The presence of diverse stakeholders allowed for valuable knowledge exchange, ensuring that each entity contributes its expertise to a stronger and more adaptable national response framework.

As we reflect on the lessons learned from this year’s exercise, the Belize Defence Force remains steadfast in its mission to safeguard our nation. Strengthening partnerships between military and civilian organizations will continue to be a priority,



ensuring Belize stands ready to protect its people and infrastructure against the unexpected. A sincere thank you to all participants for their dedication. Together, we advance towards a safer and more resilient Belize. (release)

GoB Enhances Citizen Security



May 30 - The Hon. Oscar Mira, Minister of National Defence and Border Security, officially handed over two brand-new 2025 Kia Sorento vehicles to the Belize Defence Force (BDF) and the Belize Coast Guard (BCG). According to Hon. Mira, this strategic boost in mobility strengthens the operational readiness of our national defence forces by ensuring that they remain responsive, mobile and mission ready. Receiving the keys on behalf of their respective institutions were Brigadier General Azariel Loria, Commander of the BDF, and Rear Admiral Elton Bennett, Commandant of the BCG.



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- 5. Fostering Inclusive Growth through Community Outreach and Public Awareness
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MBEMC Charting a Course for Belize's Blue Economy Through Cross-Sector Collaboration

May 27, 2025 – The Ministry of Blue Economy and Marine Conservation (MBEMC) successfully concluded a two-day stakeholder sensitization workshop in Belize City, aimed at fostering cross-sector collaboration and building momentum around Belize's Blue Economy.

The workshop, held under Component 3 of the national technical cooperation project BL-T1145: Development of the Blue Economy in Belize, was supported by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) through the Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility.

Participants were guided through tailored discussions aimed to help them get an understanding of key initiatives in the blue economy, strengthening our shared understanding of Belize's Blue Economy framework, and moving us closer to its full and effective implementation.

Over the two days, participants engaged in interactive sessions, expert presentations, real-life success stories, and collaborative discussions, creating a platform for stakeholders to share insights and carve a pathway towards collaborative partnerships.

In her remarks, Ms. Beverly Wade, Chief Executive Officer of the MBEMC, underscored the importance of the informed, active, and collaborative engagement of our stakeholders, as it is vital for us to build a truly resilient and inclusive Blue Economy in Belize. This workshop marks a crucial step toward laying the foundation for stronger partnerships and a more connected national effort.

Driving Regional Dialogue New Policy for the Integration of Fisheries and Aquaculture (2025–2035)

May 27, 2025 – The Ministry of Blue Economy and Marine Conservation (MBEMC), through its Belize Fisheries Department, and with support from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), led a national consultation process to help shape the Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Integration Policy (2025–2035).

This important initiative aims to guide sustainable growth and cooperation in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors across the region by obtaining input from national stakeholders.

In her opening remarks, the Ministry's Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Beverly Wade, highlighted, "This policy is grounded in the principles of sustainability, equity, science-based decision-making, and regional solidarity. It seeks to harmonize our national policies, strengthen governance frameworks, improve fisheries monitoring and management, and promote responsible aquaculture development."

During Belize's national consultation, stakeholders emphasized the urgent need to strengthen the fisheries value chain to enhance competitiveness and address persistent challenges in aquaculture, particularly around technological development and documentation. Key priorities include mariculture regulation, species diversification, regional market access, and safeguarding fishers' livelihoods.

The MBEMC would like to thank the Regional Director of SICA/OSPESCA, Mr. José Infante, and the FAO Representative in Belize, Mr. Jeffy Gómez, for their invaluable support in this initiative. Belize remains committed to playing a leadership role in advancing sustainable fisheries and aquaculture and continues to advocate for inclusive, science-based, and collaborative approaches at both the national and regional levels.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Fish and Aquaculture Inspection Regulations Specialist
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-470031-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") is for a suitable **FISH AND AQUACULTURE INSPECTION REGULATIONS SPECIALIST FOR THE BELIZE AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (BAHA)**. The overall objective of the assignment: to review the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Fish and Fishery Products Inspection Regulations, S.I. 173 of 2001 and update to align with relevant Codex standards for fish and fishery products and EU regulations for fish and fishery products.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit an individual to fill the position of **Fish and Aquaculture Inspection Regulations Specialist for BAHA**.

The consultancy is expected to be for a period of Four (4) months commencing July 2025. The Fish and Aquaculture Inspection Regulations Specialist will be supervised by the Technical Director, Food Safety Services and will work in close coordination with the Senior Inspector of Food Safety Services.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)

Qualifications

- Master's degree in **Agriculture, Fisheries Science, Food Safety, Veterinary Public Health**, or a related field (max 30 points).

General Experience

- 8 years experience in policy and development, familiarity with the Directives, Regulations and Policies of the European Union as it relates to Fish and Fishery Products, or modernization of the fisheries sector in developing countries. (max 20 points).

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)

Specific Experience

- Familiarity with **EU Directives, Regulations, and Policies** related to Fish and Fishery Products (max 20 points)
- Extensive knowledge of the **fish and fishery products industry**, including infrastructure and regulatory environments (max 10 points)
- Familiarity with **international laws and standards** governing fisheries, aquaculture, and food safety (max 10 points)
- Proven experience in **legal and regulatory analysis** for food safety and fisheries compliance (max 10 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **June 16, 2025** at 17:00 hours Belize Time.

Belize Social Investment Fund
Attn: Orlando Coc, Procurement Assistant
P.O. Box 459, 4253 Hummingbird Highway, Building C, Belmopan City, Belize
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Climate Resilient Sustainable Agriculture Project SIF and SICB Sign Inter-Institutional Agreement



June 3, 2025 - The Social Investment Fund (SIF) and the Sugar Industry Control Board (SICB) officially signed an Inter-Institutional Agreement aimed at enhancing collaboration and support for agricultural development through the Climate Resilient Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP).

The ceremonial signing took place in Belmopan and brought together key partners committed to improving resilience, productivity, and sustainability within Belize’s sugar industry and broader agricultural sector.

The event featured opening remarks from Mr. Carlos Tun, Executive Director of SIF, Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai, Minister of Agriculture, Food Security, and Enterprise, Dr. Osmond Martinez, Minister of Economic Development, and Executive Director of SIRD. Mr. Marcos Osorio.

The agreement was formally signed by: Mr. Carlos Tun, Executive Director of SIF, Mr. Javier García, Acting Coordinator for CRESAP, Mr. Marcos Osorio and Ms. Leticia Westby, representatives of the Sugar Industry Control Board.

This partnership represents a united front in supporting farmers, promoting sustainable agriculture, and building the institutional framework necessary to secure the future of Belize’s agricultural economy. (release)

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Belize Film Xchange 5-Day Workshop Series

June 23–27, 2025

June 3, 2025 – The Office of the Belize Film Commission is excited to announce the inauguration of the Belize Film Xchange Workshop Series. Slated to launch on June 23, 2025, the Belize Film Commission will host a 5-Day long series of Cinematic Masterclasses taking place in Belize City at the ITVET Campus on Freetown Road featuring filmmakers and industry professionals, both foreign and local, to provide critical education and training to those in the audio/visual industry.

The BFX Workshop Series is a dynamic, hands-on training experience designed for filmmakers, students, and industry professionals alike, and is an ITVET certified program aiming to foster knowledge transfer, skill-building, professional collaboration and networking within Belize’s growing audio/visual industry.

Running June 23–27, 2025, this five-day immersive workshop intensive offers hands-on training from leading industry professionals across every stage of filmmaking. Each day’s sessions run from 8 AM–5 PM and cover:

- **Screenwriting & Directing** (June 23): Nadieme Villar (Belize/US) leads a morning session on screenwriting, followed by directing fundamentals with Samantha Aldana (Belize/US).
- **Cinematography & Lighting/G&E** (June 24): Nick Shambloott (US) guides participants through camera techniques and lighting/grip & electric workflows.
- **Production Sound, Design & Producing** (June 25): María Rojas (Mexico)

covers production sound; Nadieme Villar discusses production design; Deborah Fairweather (BZ) leads costume design; Misty Talley & Samantha Aldana explore indie film producing, festivals, grants, and the Belize production landscape is covered with Feste Films + IGNITE Media.

- **Post-Production & VFX** (June 26): Misty Talley provides an overview of editing and editorial workflows; she then teaches VFX (keying, tracking, comping), and, alongside Nick Shambloott, participants learn color correction techniques.
- **Sound Design & Music in Film** (June 27): María Rojas returns for post sound & Foley, with Alexander Evans (BZ) concluding the week by exploring the role of music in film.

“This project has been long in the making and I am so excited to finally bring it to life in 2025. This is such a critical time to support and grow our creative industries, and I hope that this new intensive will be a catalyst for growing Belize’s creative economies and providing more opportunities for artistic development and expression” says Carlo Habet, Belize Film Commissioner & BFX Director.

Tickets for the 5-Day Film Intensive Workshops are available on the NICH website and interested participants can purchase in advance. More info can be found at www.belizefilmcommission.com or <https://nich-belize.org/belize-film-xchange/>.

The Belize Film Xchange Workshop Series has been made possible with the support of the Ministry of Education, Science & Technology, National Institute of Culture and History, and the Belize Film Commission. (BFC release)



Solid Waste Management Authority
Ministry of Sustainable Development,
Climate Change, Solid Waste
Management



INVITATION TO BID

Ministry of Sustainable Development, & Climate Change & Solid Waste Management on behalf of Belize Solid Waste Management Authority

1. The Government of Belize (or GOB) acting through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, & Climate Change on behalf of Belize Solid Waste Management Authority, now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the Services mentioned below in the table.

Name	Contract Period
Loading, Trucking, and Other Heavy Equipment Services for the Dangriga Solid Waste Transfer Station Facility	36 months

2. Procurement will be conducted through the Open Tendering Process in accordance with the public procurement laws of Belize.
3. This invitation is open to all eligible Bidders as outlined in the Bidding Documents.
4. Qualification requirements are detailed in Section II of the Bidding Documents. Prospective Bidders are advised to consult the Instructions to Bidders carefully.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be obtained via email upon request to the email address below.
6. The Bidding Documents will be emailed to the Bidder at the address provided in the request.
7. A site visit will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., beginning at the Dangriga Transfer Station, followed by the Mile 24 Regional Sanitary Landfill.

8. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 10:00 am June 17, 2025. Late submissions will be rejected. Electronic bid submissions will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened on June 17, 2025 at 10:15 in the presence of Bidders’ representatives who choose to attend in person.
9. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid-Securing Declaration as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.
10. The GOB reserves the right to declare any firm ineligible for contract award if found to have engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, coercive, or collusive practices.
11. Bidders are required to submit as part of the bid “the Statement of Ethical Conduct and Fraud and Corruption”. In case of misleading information or non-adherence to the Fraud and Corruption provisions of the Bidding Documents, the Bidder shall be pursued by the GOB.

12. For further information or to request Bidding Documents, please contact:
Belize Solid Waste Management Authority
Attn: Sandeep Betancourt, Procurement Officer
3013 Bougainvillea Street, Orchid Garden Area
City of Belmopan, Belize, C.A.
Tel: (501) 802-1527 OR 8282-4864
PO Box 285
Email: procurement.officer@environemnt.gov.bz
Cc: cansinoaa@gobmail.gov.bz

Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management
3013 Bougainvillea Street
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Against the Will of the Majority

Union Leaders + Few Teachers Staging Acts

The people of Belize are law abiding. The majority has been known to vote-out governments that they, the Belizean electorate, deem as not working in the best interest of Belize. Both the UDP and the PUP have been castigated by the Belize’s savvy body politic. Today, we have a government, first installed in 2020, arguably, due primarily to buy-in to magnificently structured planBelize and, secondly, to the electorates’ catharsis of a corrupt and incompetent Barrow government gone fully rogue and exposed as such by the coronavirus. The Hon. John Briceño-led servants of the people got an unprecedented stamp of approval from the people—job well done. The people agreed that planBelize was Right Pan Track in the intangible improvement of the quality of lives. If 2020 was Covid asterisked, the 2025 mandate to planBelize 2.0 was a categorical and crystal clear vote of confidence on John Briceño plus 25’s leadership.

Aggravated Assault

Eighty-eight thousand Belizeans cast their will for the candidates of the People’s United Party. With a low voter turnout, the government could be expected to get less votes than in 2020 but no. Percentage-wise, fifty-nine percent ballooned to sixty-seven giving an even larger mandate. The 2020 election and the 2025 election differed in that this second one was a People’s Report Card with an A+ for the PlanBelize and Everybody Fih Win 2020-2025 government.

One can call a few Union leader’s actions today as aggravated assault against the will of the people. Just a couple months after Belize exercised their democratic power, the unions put on their best UDP-like façade to attack the people’s choice—an aggravated assault.

Union President’s feeble mandate and Salary Secondment

How can at BNTU that can only muster 475 votes for their present President and the PSU 107 votes for their Gapi-disciple President go against the will of such a powerful confidence-laden mandate of 88 thousand Belizeans?

The PSU president is politically compromised as his rise through the ranks of the public service is tainted by being allied to Gaspar Vega—the “not a normal person in Belize.” Flowers’ fifty thousand plus salary incremented via years of service is today still paid by the government to him as President of the PSU with no need to work directly for the people until his term of presidency ends. A similar arrangement is placed for the BNTU President.

One can be cynical to say that the ONLY perceptible goal of the presidents of these unions is to get higher salaries. There is nothing for the people the Public Service serves nor for the students they teach.

Teaching and Learning

It is obvious that the majority of the teachers are teaching and not supportive of the bitter-driven tactics of some teachers who are all paid to teach. Parents definitely are not supportive of their children NOT receiving the required hours of instruction. Each lesson is invaluable. Each lesson plan needs to be planned. Planning to be sick or planning to shut down your vehicle is not in the realm of a student-driven educator.

Student’s Education taken Hostage

Parents DO NOT appreciate their children’s education being played with.

The obvious weapon here is this: GoB, if you do not give us the raise WE WILL walk away from the Education of the children you, GoB, and Parents, love so much.

Right to Salary Raise: Government offers a de facto 14.5 per cent over three years.

The John Briceño administration is very aware that all workers have the right to request a salary increase. The Hon. Briceño has been consistent in respecting the rights of workers to protest. This is the reason why the GoB’s high level team of Ministers led by Hon. Cordel Hyde listened and proposed and got confirmation for a salary raise.

The first phase of the raise would be three percent in October. This comes along with increments, other salary-raise phases, minimum wage to six dollars for the masses, CBA update and other. The teachers would not be getting 8 percent immediately but they would get a cumulative 14.5 percent when added up in 2028.

Unions self-imposed impasse

The Union are on a self-imposed impasse as they allegedly wait for their membership vote. This membership vote process is not clear but it seems that not enough teachers are voting along with what the leadership wants to see.

So after more than a week, the BNTU leadership is sitting on those results. It is clear that the Union leaders have no mandate to continue in the path of action they prefer.

One would think that the Union leaders would just go along with what the voting membership is saying or not saying. It took very few votes to elect a President but now need more votes to continue their self-imposed impasse.

2005 vs 2025, no similarity

The PSU president seems to be as incompetent as the other Dean we know. This week, he blurted out a bluff as nonsensical as that blurted out by his predecessor in 2005. The disregard for the will of the majority continued as he threatened “disruption” in what the UDP media calls a pay dispute. There is no dispute as the government if offering more than what the Unions requested and the Union mis-leaders rather no deal. The goal of the PSU president is to be rabid and be anti-PUP hoping that he can have a bigger salary when his retirement package comes up in November 2030.

In 2005, a group of students were protesting spurred by BTL text-messaging being cut off. The students were taken advantage by some activists. This protest was then taken over by thugs who looted Albert Streets and other establishments in Belize City. The cutting of the fiber optic lines was a finale and the riots closed off the Barrow coaxed thug civil disobedience. There was a three-year lull as people waited for the polls. The PUP was swept out of office in 2008.

BIG difference, this 2025 has a PUP swept into office and a few disruptors incredulous that the people voted in serious affirmation of planBelize and John Briceño

Village Council Election continue proving Union Leaders WRONG

Yet, the few deranged Union leaders are hell-bent on hating on a government that is STILL on the right track with villagers showing that their lives are being touched positively.

After two weeks the PUP has won 33 villages with the UDP and Independents winning just 2 each. PUP central is allowing democracy to take over. The people are voting their will.

School Incidents

Grave incidents that happened at school made it to the news. Surely, smaller incidents

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SERVICES



Cleaning and Maintenance Services - Belize Tax Service Offices

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD)
Country: BELIZE
Deadline: June 23rd, 2025 at 5:00 pm local Belize time

The Belize Tax Service Department is seeking expressions of interest from eligible companies for the cleaning and maintenance services at Belize City headquarters. Sanitization and cleaning of the office is essential to provide a safe and healthy environment for the BTSD personnel and the public.

Period: For a period of two (2) year (November 1, 2025 – October 31, 2027)

To maintain a clean and healthy working environment at the BTSD at Eleanor Hall Building and compound on Lake I Boulevard in Belize City, Belize.

The main responsibility of company includes but are not limited to the following:

- (a) Cleaning of office spaces, cafeteria, kitchenettes, office furniture, equipment and conference facilities along with respective fixtures.
- (b) Cleaning of all bathrooms and their fixtures.
- (c) Cleaning of the stairways, corridors and foyer area, railings and doors.
- (d) Cleaning of all internal glass walls and windows.
- (e) Garbage disposal.
- (f) Cleaning supplies – Belize Tax Service will be responsible for wash cloth, handtowels, toilet paper, dishwashing liquid, hand soap, bleach, disinfectant
- Your company will provide all necessary tools, cleaning materials, additional cleaning supplies, equipment/machinery, labor, transportation for the performance of services.

Qualification of the Company:

- (a) Have a minimum of three (3) years working experience in Government offices.
- (b) Cleaning and maintenance or similar type work experience of at least five (5) years is required.
- (c) Experience working in the public and private sector in similar assignment.

Skills, Abilities and Knowledge:

- Excellent written and communication skills in English and Spanish.
- The ability to solve problems in a timely fashion.
- Organizing a work team with hands-on experience.
- Good public relations, organizational, coordination and networking skills required.
- Honesty, integrity, and respect.
- Demonstrate daily monitoring of on-site workers.
- Expression of Interest package should contain:
 - (i) Cover letter briefly explaining interest, experience, and competence of the Company.
 - (ii) Description of similar assignments specifying start and end dates of assignments. *Please provide dates, name of employing organization, types of activities performed and location of the assignment.*
 - (iii) List of at least two references
 - (iv) Proof of nationality: copy of documentation of nationality

Additional documentation required for National Consultants:

- (i) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from Belize Company Registry
- (ii) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from the Social Security Board
- (iii) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from the Belize Tax Service
- (iv) Copy of Current Trade License

Interested Contractors may obtain further information at the address below during the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm local Belize time, Monday to Friday.

Qualified Contractors must submit their expression of interest via e-mail to Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz no later than June 23rd, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. local Belize Time **Cleaning and Maintenance Services** in the subject header; or applicants may also submit a hardcopy at the following address (late bids will not be accepted):

Director General
Belize Tax Service Department
Eleanor Hall Building
Lake I. Boulevard, Belize City

GoB(MET) - NMS Service – IFAD(RRB)

Installation of 13 Weather Stations

May 30, 2025 - The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Ministry of Economic Transformation (MET) and the Resilient Rural Belize Programme (RRB), with funding from GOB, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF), provided weather sensors to the National Meteorological Service (NMS) of Belize to upgrade and support the growth of observation network in 2024. These sensors assist the Climate Services section in providing real-time weather information to rural farmers and households in Belize. This upgrade will enhance the NMSs ability to monitor weather and climate variables, maintain its observation network, produce sub-season and seasonal climate forecasts, and tailored climate information disseminated to the agriculture and other climate-sensitive sectors in key rural communities via the RRB programme.

Once completed by June 30, the 13 weather stations will provide detailed, real-time weather data from all 13 communities in the RRB project area, including San Carlos, Yo Chen, Libertad, Yo Creek, Santa Martha, Nago Bank, La Gracia, San Antonio, Red Bank, Barranco, San Jose, etc. This data will enable the NMS and local emergency partners to better forecast severe weather and extreme climatic events, more precisely distribute resources in key areas, and take faster action to prepare for and respond to potential impacts on the agriculture sector before, during, and after these events. It will also help to improve emergency response as we prepare for the upcoming 2025 hurricane season. Our observation network provides invaluable real-time data to help us monitor and forecast extreme events before they threaten to impact the country and, in particular, the agriculture sector across these key communities, and they will be able to act quickly and proactively to be better prepared.

Six of the weather stations have been installed, with four being upgraded, and the remaining three will be installed over the next month. The weather stations were installed in strategic locations. They record



measurements every 5-15 minutes, including relative humidity levels, wind speed, temperature, rainfall, soil moisture, and soil temperature. These data will be analysed, modelled, exchanged, processed, archived, and created into agricultural summaries and products, allowing farmers to anticipate any potential seasonal disruptions and prevent potential losses.

The next phase of this initiative will involve the upgrade and release of the NMS's first mobile application (APP) that farmers and the public will be able to use to access real-time weather, climate, and agrometeorological information and weather and climate early warning alerts provided by the NMS. (Release)

The term PPT or Public Private Partnership is a cornerstone in the intricacies of planBelize 2.0. This is the PUP governments well-researched, well-discusses, and well-planned out policy of meshing Belize's resources and not playing them against each other. The agroindustry benefits when the country is more equipped to understand and forecast the weather. In the age of climate-change, it isn't only weather that is unpredictable, even climate is in flux. Agriculture-based business needs to make decisions based on the most reliable data-driven information. With all these modern weather stations dotting the country, the reliability of information will also increase. This bodes well for predictability and thus for the public in making sounder decisions.

Against the Will of the Majority

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happened. When a teacher misses a class, students often become loud, scuffles can happen, and rules will be broken. When an entire school is devoid of its normal teacher cadre, it is a playground fertile for the devil to run roughshod. Impromptu "sickouts" and any other walk offs that will leave students unattended are definitely not the way to protest. Ask hardworking parents!

Appropriate times to Protest

Why can't teachers protest on weekends, summer, Christmas or Easter? Or is it that they need the children as hostages?

BNTU...beware of the Flowers guy. HE has NO 'backative' other than his mouth. Ask him to show you a list of PSU members who will protest with him. He has no mandate.

Staging Acts

These few teachers and Union leaders are desperate with Summer creeping up. They will have no students to skip classes on to protest for salary hikes. The PSU president without the teachers has zero oomph.

No need to worry!

Mature government

The PM and team listen to everyone and have the entire Belize in their care. All decisions will be for the greater good. When a few teachers make a request of the government, they listen to them as a part of a whole and not in isolation.

The Prime Minister John Briceño and team are not the spiteful UDP. This mature government has proposed a salary hike along with other items for the teachers and Public Service. This will greatly improve their purchasing power. This will add to the long list of planBelize government policies, programs, and acts that have the effect of lowering the cost of living.

More people have more and better jobs and more money to budget into making their lives more comfortable. These are the results of planBelize kept on track with planBelize 2.0. When Belize wins, todos ganamos.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SERVICES



Provision of Security Services and Armored Deposits for Belize Tax Service Offices Countrywide

The Government of Belize (GoB) through the Ministry of Finance is seeking eligible Security Firms for the provision of Security Services and Armoured Deposits for the Belize Tax Service Department (BTSD). The Security Firm will be responsible for the protection of personnel, assets and premises of the Belize Tax Service country wide.

Period: For a period of two (2) year (October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027)

Services: These services will be required for the eight (8) BTSD offices country-wide at the following Locations:

- Belize City: Eleanor Hall Building, Lake I Boulevard
- Belmopan City: 5455 Hummingbird Highway
- Dangriga Town: St. Vincent Street
- San Pedro Town: #106 San Cas Building
- Punta Gorda Town: #3 Clement Street
- Orange Walk Town: #107 Otro Benque Road
- Corozal Town: #49 Fourth Avenue
- San Ignacio Town: #1 Buena Vista Street

The main responsibilities of Security Firm include but are not limited to the following:

- (a) Provides unarmed and armed security officers
 - I. Responsible for manning the door to control people.
 - II. Responsible for protecting the building and grounds during the day.
 - III. Responsible to provide an armed guard for daily deposits.
- (b) Alarm monitoring service
- (c) Video surveillance and monitoring
- (d) Provide the following security officers for each branch listed above:
 - I. Belize City main office 1 armed for tax days and 1 unarmed
 - II. Belmopan City 1 armed for tax days and 1 unarmed
 - III. Dangriga Town 1 armed for tax days and 1 unarmed
 - IV. San Pedro Town 1 armed for tax days and 1 unarmed
 - V. Punta Gorda Town 1 armed for tax days and 1 unarmed
 - VI. Orange Walk Town 1 armed for tax days and 1 unarmed
 - VII. Corozal Town 1 armed for tax days and 1 unarmed
 - VIII. San Ignacio Town 1 armed for tax days and 1 unarmed

Qualification and Experience requirements:

The security officers shall be properly trained and licensed in accordance with the local laws to perform security services, including but not limited to

- Carrying a licensed firearm

The security officers shall be uniformed including an appropriate identification badge. The security officers must have a valid police record.

Skills, Knowledge, Abilities

- Reputable
- Reliable
- Professional
- Experience
- Trustworthy

Expression of Interest package should contain:

- (i) Comprehensive proposal explaining interest, experience, and competence of the Contractor.
- (ii) Description of similar assignments specifying start and end dates of assignments. *Please provide dates, name of employing organization, types of activities performed and location of the assignment.*
- (iii) List of at least two references
- (iv) Proof of nationality: copy of documentation of nationality

Additional documentation required for National Consultants:

- (i) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from Belize Company Registry
- (ii) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from the Social Security Board
- (iii) Copy of Certificate of Good Standing from the Belize Tax Service
- (iv) Copy of Current Trade License
- (v) Special license issued by Police Department

Cost incurred by visiting the premises and preparation of the bid are the sole responsibility of the Security Firm. The bids are to be accompanied by the documents listed above.

Interested individuals may obtain further information and full Terms of Reference at the address below during the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm local Belize time, Monday to Friday.

Qualified Contractors must submit their expression of interest via e-mail to Michelle.Longsworth@bts.gov.bz no later than June 23rd, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. local Belize Time **Provision of Security Services and Armoured Deposits for Belize Tax Service Offices Countrywide** in the subject header; or applicants may also submit a hardcopy at the following address: (late bids will not be accepted)

Director General
Belize Tax Service Department
Eleanor Hall Building
Lake I. Boulevard, Belize City

COROZAL DISTRICT												
Nominatio n Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Register ed	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnou	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes	
6/1/25	Copper Bank	Chairperson										
		ARGUELLES, Andy Alberto	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected							
		Members										
		COBB, Edney Nolasco	Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		COBB, Juan Ruperto	Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		COBB, Miguel Arcangel	Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		DZUL, Celsi Solangel	Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		TZUL, Imer Nelson	Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		TZUL, Rafael Benito	Member	Uncontested	Elected							
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6/1/25	Yo Chen	Chairperson										
		CHAN, Maximiliana	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected							
		Members										
		CANTO, Jose Guadalupe	Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		CHE, Simiona Esther	Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		GUTIERREZ, Luz Neri	Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		MARIN, Virginia Leticia	Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		NOH, Amor Lolita	Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		PUCK, Norberto Jonathan	Member	Uncontested	Elected							
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6/1/25	Santa Clara	Chairpersons				647	421		65.07	0	4	
		COWO, Citlaly Esmeralda	Chairperson	192				45.61				
		ESPIRITU, Carla Isel	Chairperson	229	Elected			54.39				
		Members					2455			1	10	
		CANTARERO, Sulma Lizett Jesusit	Member	192				7.82				
		CASTANEDA, Dalila	Member	196				7.98				
		CASTANEDA, Edilberto	Member	197				8.02				
		CASTRO, Minor Uriel	Member	197				8.02				
		MARTINEZ, Emy Ninel	Member	196				7.98				
		SANTOYA, Dianelly Noemi	Member	198				8.07				
		MORALEZ, Mayir Yadir	Member	219	Elected			8.92				
		MORALEZ, Patrick Justin	Member	219	Elected			8.92				
		PECH, Ildelfonso	Member	209	Elected			8.51				
		POTT, Estilita Apolonia	Member	216	Elected			8.80				
		RODRIGUEZ, Eliza Cicely	Member	212	Elected			8.64				
TUN, Anai	Member	204	Elected			8.31						
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Register ed	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes	
6/1/25	Paraiso	Chairpersons				763	491		64.35	0	14	
		CHABLE, Francisco Javier	Chairperson	285	Elected			58.04				
		VASQUEZ, Eleodoro Ismael	Chairperson	206				41.96				
		Members					2944			1	6	
		BARRERA, Mauro Gonzalo	Member	286	Elected			9.71				
		BAUTISTA, Bilma Noelia	Member	288	Elected			9.78				
		BRICENO, Eloy Roguel	Member	288	Elected			9.78				
		ESPINOZA, Jessica Janet	Member	278	Elected			9.44				
		REYES, Valentina Veronica	Member	290	Elected			9.85				
		SANTANA, Estela Ricela	Member	289	Elected			9.82				
		AGUILAR, Maeli Mayerli	Member	208				7.07				
		CHABLE, Felipe	Member	204				6.93				
		CHABLE, Jeyma Jailyn	Member	202				6.86				
		PENA, Allen Phillip	Member	210				7.13				
		RAMIREZ, Shamily Anahi	Member	209				7.10				
TUN, Aurelio	Member	192				6.52						
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6/1/25	Consejo	Chairpersons				103	70		67.96	2	2	
		ARANA, Alexandra Gisel	Chairperson	39	Elected			55.71				
		GARRIDO, Rebeca	Chairperson	31				44.29				
		Members					374	0.00		2	2	
		ACOSTA, Jeshaan	Member	40	Elected			10.70				
		SALES, Sharid Yasir	Member	41	Elected			10.96				
		TORRES, Karina	Member	39	Elected	</						

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ELECTION AND BOUNDARIES

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6/1/25	St. Paul's Bank	Chairperson											
		RUBIO, Barbara Elizabeth		Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected							
		Members											
		CASASOLA, Trecia Letecia		Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		FLOWERS, Leticia Lizzette		Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		HYDE, Driana Mariana		Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		POOK, Therese Olivia		Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		STEVENS, Ashworth Wilheim		Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		SUTHERLAND, Samantha Arilee		Member	Uncontested	Elected							
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6/1/25	La Democracia	Chairpersons					113	66		58.41	0	5	
		Brandon, Elonie Shalom		Chairperson	32				48.48				
		Lewis, Crispin Ernesto Peter		Chairperson	34	Elected			51.52				7
		Members						385			0		
		Hyde, Allen Kevaun		Member	28				7.27				
		Jones, Neeka Amba		Member	30				7.79				
		Mcfadzean, John Alexander		Member	31				8.05				
		Smith, Tyrese Phillip		Member	33	Elected			8.57				
		Thomas, Thaj Jursha		Member	29				7.53				
		Wagner, Pricilla Hope		Member	29				7.53				
		Clarke, Frank Emmanuel		Member	32				8.31				
		Coote, Sheryl Patricia		Member	34	Elected			8.83				
		Jeffords, Leanny Janelle		Member	35	Elected			9.09				
		Neal, Corinne Althea		Member	34	Elected			8.83				
		Smith, Paul Nigel		Member	36	Elected			9.35				
		VERNON, Elise Gayonne M.		Chairperson	89	Elected			52.05				
		Members							998			0	
		ANDREWIN, Rhana Melissa		Member	68					6.81			
		CAL, Arvid Regel		Member	87	Elected				8.72			
		CASIMIRO, Jeovanni Dion		Member	75					7.52			
DAWSON, Gloria Idolly		Member	72					7.21					
FABER, Rudy Alexander		Member	62					6.21					
GIDEON, Linford Emmanuel		Member	83					8.32					
FORD, Leticia Anna		Member	90	Elected				9.02					
GILLETT, Justin Jamal		Member	97	Elected				9.72					
JEX, Kenroy Derrick		Member	93	Elected				9.32					
REYES, Valmy Verlina		Member	76					7.62					
SEGURO, Leopold Dale		Member	107	Elected				10.72					
VERNON, Sajeda Indrani		Member	88	Elected				8.82					
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes		
6/1/25	Crooked Tree	Chairperson					480	289		60.21	0	6	
		GILLETT, Donald Henry		Chairperson	41				14.19				
		GILLETT, Donna Ruby		Chairperson	86				29.76				
		WALLACE, Lizabeth		Chairperson	162	Elected				56.06			8
		Members						1619			2		
		CRAWFORD, Rudolph Linsford Albert		Member	125					7.72			
		GILLETT, Andy Patrick		Member	70					4.32			
		PERRIOTT, Steven Anthony		Member	103					6.36			
		TAYLOR, Zipporah Zora		Member	119					7.35			
		WADE, Joshue Ruben		Member	101					6.24			
		WADE, Uriela Patricia		Member	101					6.24			
		LEWIS, Nadia		Member	167	Elected				10.32			
		PERRIOT, Walter		Member	181	Elected				11.18			
		TILLETT, Roylee		Member	142	Elected				8.77			
		WADE, Alden		Member	160	Elected				9.88			
		WADE, Judith		Member	195	Elected				12.04			
		WILLIAMS, Laurita		Member	155	Elected				9.57			
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes		
6/1/25	Gracie Rock	Chairperson					202	95		47.03	0	11	
		BROWN, Annalyn Natasha		Chairperson	40				42.11				
		POLLARD, Wayne Michael		Chairperson	55	Elected			57.89				
		Members						527	0.00		0	10	
		BRAKEMAN, Samuel Anthony		Member	36				6.83				
		BRAKEMAN, Shania Natalia Lo		Member	36				6.83				
		HOARE, Amalia Adinet		Member	39				7.40				
		STAIN, Wilmot Jerry		Member	34				6.45				
		USHER, Ronald David		Member	34				6.45				
		YOUNG, Rasheed Raheem Jahee		Member	36				6.83				
		CHANEB, Victoria Luciana De		Member	58	Elected			11.01				
		ESTIVERNE RAMIREZ, Cristie She		Member	53	Elected			10.06				
		KERR, Sharina Josephina		Member	49	Elected			9.30				
		ROBINSON, Dextor Alexander		Member	51	Elected			9.68				
		STAINE, Randy Carson		Member	52	Elected			9.87				
		USHER, Lancelot Alexander		Member	49	Elected			9.30				
CAYO DISTRICT													
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnou	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes		
6/1/25	La Gracia	Chairperson											
		ZEPEDA, Walter		Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected							
		Members											
		CISNERO, Dinora		Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		CISNERO, Equileo		Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		FUENTES, Marvin Rolando		Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		RAMIREZ, Alfonso		Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		URBINA, Darguin Orlando		Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		ZEPEDA, Nectaly		Member	Uncontested	Elected							
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnou	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes		
6/1/25	Los Tambos	Chairperson											
		VILLALTA, Sebastian		Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected							
		Members											
		AGUIRRE, Alejandro		Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		CEREN, Harvey Alexander		Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		CU, Abner Oswany		Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		GUTERREZ JR., Gilberto		Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		KU, Edward Luis		Member	Uncontested	Elected							
		MIRANDA, Sandy Jennifer		Member	Uncontested	Elected							

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6/1/25	Yalbac	Chairperson										
		CASTILLO, Marcos Daniel		Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members										
		AYALA, Adamaris Noemi		Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		AYALA, Marilyn Therese		Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		AYALA, Sheila Jamilette		Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		CASTILLO, Heronimo Alexander		Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		MC CULLOCK, Emmerson Alexa		Member	Uncontested	Elected						
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes	
6/1/25	Armenia	Chairpersons				993	412		41.49	2		
		CRUZ, Anna Noemi		Chairperson	276	Elected			66.99			26
		GARCIA, Jose Arnoldo		Chairperson	136				33.01			
		Members					2159			0		
		CHOC JR., Juan		Member	229	Elected			10.61			
		DIAZ SANDOVAL, Pedro Dan		Member	241	Elected			11.16			
		POP, Balbino		Member	272	Elected			12.60			
		POP, Domingo		Member	243	Elected			11.26			
		SHO, Cesar Ores		Member	262	Elected			12.14			
		TEUL, Jenifer Stacey		Member	230	Elected			10.65			32
		AREVALO, Eswin Rolando		Member	102				4.72			
		GARCIA, Eddy Alexander		Member	118				5.47			
		GARRIDO, Joel		Member	113				5.23			
		QUINTEROS, Jamie Nayelli		Member	108				5.00			
		SAMAYOA, David		Member	112				5.19			
		SAMAYOA, Juan Jose		Member	129				5.97			
STANN CREEK DISTRICT												
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes	
6/1/25	San Juan/Cowpen	Chairpersons				494	277		56.07	0		
		CRUZ, Isaac Caballero		Chairperson	92				33.21			11
		JUAREZ, Victor		Chairperson	185	Elected			66.79			
		Members					1589			0		
		ARTEAGA, Rosalie Marisol		Member	95				5.98			
		AVILA, Juan Francisco		Member	87				5.48			
		GONZALEZ, Eleazar		Member	101				6.36			
		POLANCO, Kelsy Josmary		Member	92				5.79			
		SANCHEZ, Eugenio Nicanor		Member	83				5.22			
		VELASQUEZ, Wilson Alexander		Member	96				6.04			9
		BLADES, Gregory Anthony		Member	158	Elected			9.94			
		COLEMAN, Elsie Dianita Can		Member	176	Elected			11.08			
		GARCIA, Jorge		Member	173	Elected			10.89			
		MORENO, Sindre Esau		Member	181	Elected			11.39			
		SALGADO, Allison Janelly		Member	177	Elected			11.14			
		SOLARES, Dennison Edgardo		Member	170	Elected			10.70			
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes	
6/1/25	Maya Mopan	Chairpersons				382	227		59.42	1		
		CHIAAC, Wilbert Castillo		Chairperson	135	Elected			59.47			6
		CHO, Henry		Chairperson	36				15.86			
		TEUL, Alvino		Chairperson	56				24.67			
		Members					1196			3		
		CHO, Alberto Alexander		Member	130	Elected			10.87			
		PECK, Andrew Edwin		Member	99	Elected			8.28			
		TECK, Placido		Member	145	Elected			12.12			7
		TEUL, Glenn Clifford		Member	127	Elected			10.62			
		TUSH, Albert Allan		Member	137	Elected			11.45			
		VALERIO, James Peter		Member	147	Elected			12.29			
		SHO, Juan Silencio		Member	38				3.18			
		CHUN, Medard Severin		Member	75				6.27			
		COC, Kelvin Alexander		Member	76				6.35			
		TECK, Joshua Eladio		Member	54				4.52			
		TUSH, Concepciona		Member	65				5.43			
		TUSH, Rufino		Member	49				4.10			
		TUSH, Santos		Member	54				4.52			
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes	
6/1/25	Red Bank	Chairpersons					786	496		63.10	0	
		CHO, Ricardo		Chairperson	273	Elected			55.04			4
		SHO, Juan Guillermo		Chairperson	223				44.96			
		Members					2892			0		
		CAAL, Charlie Arnold		Member	263	Elected			9.09			
		CAL, Margarito Renegado		Member	260	Elected			8.99			
		CAN, Marvin		Member	266	Elected			9.20			
		PAAU, Thomas		Member	266	Elected			9.20			
		POP, Andrea		Member	259	Elected			8.96			5
		SALAM, Delfina		Member	263	Elected			9.09			
		CAL, Macario		Member	217				7.50			
		COC, Jonathan		Member	216				7.47			
		COC, Silano		Member	217				7.50			
		KANTI, Jeremiah		Member	218				7.54			
		MUKU, Hilberto		Member	223				7.71			
TEUL, Peter		Member	224				7.75					
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes	
	San Roman	Chairpersons					546	269		49.27	0	
		CHOC, Augustin		Chairperson	90				33.46			9
		ICAL, Pedro		Chairperson	179	Elected			66.54			
		Members					1472			0		

ELECTION AND BOUNDARIES

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6/1/25		ALBENO, Elda Amara	Member	101				6.86			10
		CAL, Pascual	Member	72				4.89			
		ICAL, Beronico	Member	91				6.18			
		POP, Aldana	Member	103				7.00			
		SHO, Catalina	Member	97				6.59			
		SHOL, Julia	Member	78				5.30			
		CAB, Cesario	Member	124	Elected			8.42			
		CAL, Zacharias	Member	145	Elected			9.85			
		CHOC, Liberato	Member	169	Elected			11.48			
		CHOC, Marino	Member	161	Elected			10.94			
		TUSH, Charitina Lucius	Member	166	Elected			11.28			
		TUSH, Jose	Member	165	Elected			11.21			
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/1/25	Independence	Chairpersons				2787	603		21.64	2	14
		GARBUTT, Clifton James	Chairperson	535	Elected			88.72			
		GUTIERREZ, Oscar William	Chairperson	68				11.28			
		Members					3157	0.00		14	
		BURGESS, Denisha Ronnise	Member	478	Elected			15.14		27	
		LINAREZ, Ken Burnice	Member	509	Elected			16.12			
		LOZANO, Diego Anthony	Member	496	Elected			15.71			
		TORRES, Zerrick Coran	Member	517	Elected			16.38			
		YOUNG, Shermaine Cindy	Member	510	Elected			16.15			
		ZABANEH, Emilio Basilio	Member	469	Elected			14.86			
		SALAM, Mateo	Member	82				2.60			
		WAGNER, Alrick Patrick	Member	96				3.04			
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/1/25	Santa Cruz	Chairpersons				763	352		46.13	1	17
		GRIJALVA, Eljio	Chairperson	41				11.65			
		SCOTT, Vincent Casey	Chairperson	311	Elected			88.35			
		Members					1895			3	
		CHICA, Jose	Member	37				1.95		30	
		CUCUL, Pedro	Member	42				2.22			
		JONES, Claude	Member	44				2.32			
		MOLINA, Walter	Member	46				2.43			
		WESTBY, James	Member	44				2.32			
		ZEPEDA, Jairom	Member	40				2.11			
		BAC, Andrea	Member	276	Elected			14.56			
		CRUZ, Dexian	Member	277	Elected			14.62			
		CRUZ, Jonathan	Member	263	Elected			13.88			
		GEIER, Ilomanda	Member	267	Elected			14.09			
		SERRANO, Juan Jose	Member	282	Elected			14.88			
		ZAVALA, Leylin	Member	277	Elected			14.62			
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/1/25	Santa Rosa	Chairperson				341	231		67.74	2	2
		CHOC, Evaristo	Chairperson	152	Elected			65.80			
		OH, Romaldo Ricardo	Chairperson	79				34.20			
		Members					1320			2	
		CHIAO, Ophelia Margarita	Member	137	Elected			10.38		6	
		CHUN, Steven Edgar	Member	148	Elected			11.21			
		SHAL, Gelasio	Member	142	Elected			10.76			
		TUSH, Bertilla Genevive	Member	146	Elected			11.06			
		VILLANUEVA, Marselina	Member	137	Elected			10.38			
		VILLANUEVA, Roberto	Member	140	Elected			10.61			
		CAL, Eric Norman	Member	81				6.14			
		OH, Eudesia Octavia	Member	69				5.23			
		SHAL, Carnacion Marcella	Member	79				5.98			
		SUPAUL, Wilbert Simeon	Member	78				5.91			
		TACA, Timothy Felix	Member	85				6.44			
		WILLIAMS, Kenrick Landford	Member	78				5.91			
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/1/25	Seine Bight	Chairperson				418	217		51.91	2	0
		ALEMAN, Jose Maria	Chairperson	120	Elected			55.30			
		LAMBEY, Barret Enita Elcia	Chairperson	97				44.70			
		Members					1190			0	
		AUGUSTUS, Wanne Adi	Member	106	Elected			8.91		14	
		MARTINEZ, Ewart Claude	Member	126	Elected			10.59			
		OGALDEZ, Rita Wanigie	Member	106	Elected			8.91			
		PALACIO, Aikin Myron	Member	121	Elected			10.17			
		RAMIREZ, Kirwin Myron	Member	129	Elected			10.84			
		ZUNIGA, Kerri Shanique	Member	118	Elected			9.92			
		AUGUSTINE, Dean Charles	Member	81				6.81			
		AUGUSTINE, Densfield Errol	Member	81				6.81			
		GUZMAN, Charla Karell	Member	78				6.55			
		HERNANDEZ, Mariluz Alexandra	Member	63				5.29			
		MAJOR, Rupen Kenneth	Member	88				7.39			
		WILLIAMS, Jacey Erma	Member	84				7.06			
		WILLIAMS, Alexander Leonard	Member	9				0.76			
Election Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnout	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/1/25	Maya Center	Chairperson				319	268		84.01	3	0
		BOLON, Antonio Carlos	Chairperson	120				44.78			
		POP, Francisco	Chairperson	148	Elected			55.22			
		Members					1585			2	
		BOLON, Orlando Oscar	Member	117				7.38		0	
		BONILLA, Victor Manuel	Member	118				7.44			
		COC, Francisco	Member	122				7.70			
		POP, Elvira Erecelia	Member	120				7.57			
		TECK, Francis	Member	122				7.70			
		TEUL, Orlando	Member	133				8.39			
CHOC, Metodio Benedicto	Member	145	Elected			9.15					

		CUCUL, Isidro	Member	135	Elected			8.52			
		PAU, Vicente	Member	138	Elected			8.71			
		POP, Eduardo	Member	143	Elected			9.02			
		POP, Modesto Maximilliano	Member	145	Elected			9.15			
		SHO, Louise Louisa	Member	147	Elected			9.27			

TOLEDO DISTRICT

Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnou	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/1/25	Trio	Chairperson									
		MORALES, Rodolfo	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		CHOLUM, Marta	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		CUS, Domingo	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		LOPEZ, Noe	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		PEREZ, Elder	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		QUINTERO, Maria Carmen	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		TUT, Manuel	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
Nomination Date	Village	Candidates Name	Position	No. of Votes Received	Remarks	# of Registered	Total Votes Polled	% of Votes Polled	% of Voter Turnou	Spoilt Votes	Rejected Votes
6/1/25	Bladden	Chairperson									
		COC, Jose	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		GARCIA, Edin Arnoldo	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		MO, Luis	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		PACHAN, Melvin Giovanni	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		SHO, Nicolas	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		SHO, Regino	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		TUSH, Gilberto	Member	Uncontested	Elected						

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6/1/25	Bella Vista	Chairperson									
		MORALES, Jose	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		ARTEAGA, Adriana Naritza	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		DIAZ, Ever Samuel	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		LEMUS, Sarah Elizabeth	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		MAKIN, Domingo	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		MARTINEZ, Javier Antonio	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		YAXCAL, Alexander	Member	Uncontested	Elected						

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6/1/25	Santa Ana	Chairperson									
		CHUB, Noe	Chairperson	Uncontested	Elected						
		Members									
		BO, Arnaldo	Member	Uncontested	Elected						
		CHOCO, Carlos Andy	Member	Uncontested	Elected						



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Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize
Process ID: BL-L1039-P00031
Duration: Two (2) years
Duty Station: Ministry of E-Governance, Belmopan, Belize (In office)
Deadline: **June 16, 2025; 10:00 a.m.** (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received ten million US Dollars (US \$10M) in loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Digital Innovation to Boost Economic Development in Belize. This Project will support the digitalization of firms and government services in order to promote growth and increase efficiency in Belize's economy.

The Ministry of Finance is now launching the process to fill a contractual position for a “**Technical Coordinator**” under the Project and invites eligible individuals to apply. Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained online at <https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/> or by scanning the QR Code below.

Applications should be submitted in the English language as one (1) pdf file, using the required template, via e-mail to procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz or three (3) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating “**Technical Coordinator (BL-L1039)**”- name of consultant

The deadline to submit an application is on or before **June 16, 2025; 10:00 a.m.** (Local Belize Time), applications received after this date will not be accepted.

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Ministry of Finance
2nd floor, room #7, Sir Edney Cain Building
Belmopan, Belize



Ref: **Technical Coordinator (BL-L1039)** - Your name



VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2025

SCHEDULE

ALL Nominations done on June 1

COROZAL on June 8

VILLAGES	ELECTION VENUES
ALL Polls Open at 9 a.m.	CLOSE: No asterisk 1:00 p.m. * 3:00 p.m. ** 5:00 p.m.
Chan Chen *	Gov't School
San Narciso **	R.C. School
San Victor **	R.C. School
Yo Chen Uncontested	Comm. Center
Chunox **	R.C. School
Progreso **	R.C. School
Copper Bank *	R.C. School
Patchakan **	R.C. School
Sarteneja **	R.C. School
Xaibe **	R.C. School

ORANGE WALK on June 8

San Luis	R.C. School
Douglas *	Our Lady of Fatima R.C. School
San Pablo **	Comm. Gov't School
San Jose **	Gov't School
San Jose Palmar **	R.C. School
Chan Pine Ridge Uncontested	Gov't School
Carmelita Uncontested	Gov't School
Santa Martha *	Gov't School
Tower Hill	Comm. Center

BELIZE on June 8

Gales Point	Gov't School
Freetown Sibun Uncontested	Comm. Center Compound (Tent)
Burrell Boom **	St. Therese R.C. School
St. Paul's Bank Uncontested	Comm. Center
Willow's Bank Uncontested	Comm. Center Compound (Tent)

CAYO on June 8

Yalbac Uncontested	Comm. Center Compound (Tent)
La Gracia Uncontested	Gov't. School
Los Tambos Uncontestedx	*Gov't. School
Cristo Rey **	Comm Center

STANN CREEK on June 8

All Villages Complete

TOLEDO on June 8

Cattle Landing*	Comm. Center
Eldridgeville*	Comm. Center
Forest Home*	Little Flower R.C. School
Santa Ana	Comm. Center
Bladen (CC)	Fabian Cayetano R.C. School
Bella Vista **	Our Lady of Bella Vista R.C. School
Trio *	Gov't School
San Pablo	St. Paul R.C. School

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VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2025

SCHEDULE

ALL Nominations Open at 9:00 a.m. and close at midday

COROZAL on June 15

Nominations on Sunday June 8
at St. Francis Xavier R.C School

VILLAGES

ALL Polls Open at 9 a.m.

ELECTION VENUES

CLOSE: No asterisk 1:00 p.m.
* 3:00 p.m. | ** 5:00 p.m.

Cristo Rey **
Buena Vista *
San Pedro *

R.C. School
R.C. School
Comm. Center

ORANGE WALK on June 15

None

BELIZE on June 15

Nominations on Sunday June 8
at Edward P. York High School

Maskall *
Bomba
Corozalito
St. Ann's
Mahogany Heights *
St. George's Caye

Our Lady of Lourdes R.C. School
Comm. Center Compound (Tent)
Comm. Center
Comm. Center
St. Agnes Anglican School (Middle)
Open Lot (Tent)

CAYO on June 15

Nominations on Sunday June 8
at Belmopan Comprehensive High School

Teakettle **
Ontario *

St. Edmund Campion RC School
Ontario Christian School

Nominations on Sunday June 8
Santa Elena Primary RC School

San Marcos
Selena

R.C. School
Iguana Creek Gov't School

STANN CREEK on June 15

All Villages Completed

TOLEDO on June 15

Nominations on Sunday June 8
at Julian Cho Technical High School

San Jose *
Na Luum Ca
Jacintoville
Laguna
San Felipe
San Marcos *
Yemeri Grove
San Pedro Columbia **

R.C. School
Gov't School
Comm. Center
Comm. Center
Comm. Center
Comm. Center
Toledo Christian Academy
R.C. School



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VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2025
SCHEDULE

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COROZAL on June 22

All Villages Complete

VILLAGES	ELECTION VENUES
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ORANGE WALK on June 22

Nominations on Sunday June 15
at Louisiana Government School

San Lazaro **	R.C. School
Trinidad *	Gov't School
August Pine Ridge **	R.C. School
Yo Creek **	R.C. School

BELIZE on June 22

Nominations on Sunday June 15
at Edward P. York High School

Lucky Strike	Gov't School
Rockstone Pond	Altun Ha Parking Lot (Tent)
Santana	Comm. Center
Hattieville **	Gov't School
Western Paradise*	Comm. Center

CAYO on June 22

Nominations on Sunday June 15
at Belmopan Comprehensive High School

Cotton Tree **	St. Joseph RC School
St. Matthews *	Gov't. School
Franks Eddy *	Gov't. School
More Tomorrow	Gov't. School

Nominations on Sunday June 15
at Sacred Heart Primary RC School

Esperanza **	St. Francis Xavier RC School
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Nominations on Sunday June 15
Santa Elena Primary RC School

San Antonio **	United Pentecostal School
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Nominations on Sunday June 15
Mount Carmel RC Primary School

San Jose Succotz **	San Jose Succotz RC School
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STANN CREEK on June 22

All Villages Complete

TOLEDO on June 22

Nominations on Sunday June 15
at Julian Cho Technical High School

Golden Stream	Gov't School
Indian Creek *	R.C. School
Medina Bank	Gov't School
San Miguel *	R.C. School
Silver Creek *	R.C. School
Big Falls **	R.C. School
San Antonio **	San Luis Rey R.C. School
Crique Jute	Gov't School
Mafredi	Methodist School
Pueblo Viejo *	San Francisco de Jeronimo R.C. School

VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2025
SCHEDULE

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COROZAL on June 29

All Villages complete

VILLAGES	ELECTION VENUES
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ORANGE WALK on June 29

Nominations on Sunday June 22
at Louisiana Government School

Indian Church	Gov't School
San Carlos	Gov't School
San Felipe **	St. Michael R.C. School
Fire Burn	Gov't School
Guinea Grass **	R.C. School

BELIZE on June 29

Nominations on Sunday June 22
at Edward P. York High School

Lord's Bank **	Comm. Center
Caye Caulker **	R.C. School
Bermudian Landing	Belize Rural PS (Bermudian Landing)
Flowers Bank	Comm. Center
Rancho Dolores	Belize Rural PS (Rancho Dolores)
Scotland Halfmoon	Comm. Center
Ladyville **	Our Lady of the Way R.C. School

CAYO on June 29

Nominations on Sunday June 22
at Belmopan Comprehensive High School

Roaring Creek **	Our Lady of Fatima R.C. School
Camalote **	St. Jude R.C. School

Nominations on Sunday June 22
at Sacred Heart Primary RC School

Santa Familia **	RC School
Bullet Tree **	Immaculate Conception R.C. School
8. Duck Run III *	Hidden Paradise Gov't School

Nominations on Sunday June 22
Santa Elena Primary RC School

Buena Vista	*Gov't School
El Progreso *	Community School
Georgeville *	Comm. Center

Nominations on Sunday June 22
Mount Carmel RC Primary School

San Jose Succotz	San Jose Succotz R.C. School
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STANN CREEK on June 29

All Villages Complete

TOLEDO on June 29

Nominations on Sunday June 22
at Toledo Community College

Aguacate	R.C. School
Blue Creek	R.C. School
Mabilha	Gov't School
San Benito Poite	R.C. School
Santa Teresa	R.C. School
Jordan	Comm. Center
Santa Cruz*	Comm. Center
Santa Elena	R.C. School
San Vicente	R.C. School
Jalacte *	R.C. School



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